



Recycling Lines

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DEQ's Community Involvement Initiative: The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to helping the public better understand DEQ's role in protecting the environment, and to involving the public more effectively in environmental decision making.

Please note our new P.O. Box and Zip Code .

Welcome to Recycling Lines, We hope that some of this information is helpful to you in your programs, and hope you'll help us with news from your area related recycling. Let us know by sending this information to Steve Coe at gscoe@deq.virginia.gov.

Advertising our Success

Thank you to those of you who are sending me your newsletters and emails to let me know what is going on in your area so that events can be advertised in "Recycling Lines."

Please share with me the following information about your events after they happen too so that I can put the results in upcoming newsletters:

- ✓ Date(s) of your events
- ✓ Approximate attendance at events
- ✓ Tonnage collected at recycling events
- ✓ Anything else you would like to share with other recycling managers about your recycling and Earth Day events.

Contact Sheila Barnett at (804) 698-4055 or smbarnett@deq.virginia.gov

Single Stream Recycling - Best Practices Manual

Conservatree and Environmental Planning Consultants published a manual to address best practice recycling issues. Although the focus of this manual is on single stream collection systems, the best practice recommendations can be applied to dual and multi-stream programs. Ultimately, local governments determine what works best in their jurisdictions. The purpose of this manual is to assist local governments with the design and implementation of an effective recycling program.

The manual addresses the benefits and challenges of single stream collection and processing, suggestions for recycling collection problems, and how to communicate with the public and contractors. Go to: www.conservatree.com

Waste Water Reuse Program

The State Water Control Board has given preliminary approval to the implementation of a water recycling program (technically it is a reuse program) for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The benefit of such a program is the conservation of our drinking water. Wastewater could then be used to generate electricity, and provide wastewater that would be suitable for watering golf courses and farms, washing cars, and watering livestock.

After the public comment period the Water Control Board will review the proposed program and hopes to have guidelines in place for implementing a wastewater reuse program for Virginia.

For more information, contact Valerie Rourke, a DEQ water programs manager, at (804) 698-4158 or varourke@deq.virginia.gov

Did You Know?

- ✓ The Environment Virginia Conference will be held April 10 – 12, 2007 in Lexington. www.environmentva.org
- ✓ The 2007 Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference is April 17 – 19, 2007 at the University of Maryland in College Park MD. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.nacubo.org/x8593.xml>
- ✓ The deadline for nominations for the 2007 Virginia Environmental Stewardship Awards is April 30, 2007. For more information, go to: <http://www.vanaturally.com/esa07.doc>
- ✓ On May 1 and 2, the VRA will hold its annual conference in Williamsburg in partnership with the Virginia Council for Litter Prevention and the SWANA Old Dominion Chapter. Go to: <http://www.vrarecycles.org/conference.htm>
- ✓ Stewardship Virginia is April 1 – May 31, 2007. Complete a registration form to advertise your environmental events and give them additional exposure by going to: <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/stewardship/index.htm> Spring events will be posted by April 1, 2007. Contact Bonnie Phillips at 1-877-42-WATER or bonnie.phillips@dcr.virginia.gov
- ✓ CY 2006 Recycling rate reports for each Solid Waste Management Planning Unit are due to DEQ for CY 2006 by April 30, 2007. The form can be downloaded by going to: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle/> Contact Sheila Barnett at (804) 698-4055 or smbarnett@deq.virginia.gov or Steve Coe at (804) 698-4029 or gscoe@deq.virginia.gov
- ✓ The VRA is promoting a recycling license plate and is requesting that people submit license plate designs for a contest and pre-order a recycling license plate. License plate designs must be submitted to the VRA by April 20, 2007. Go to <http://www.vrarecycles.org> or call (888) 867-1923.
- ✓ Listen to Jim Harger, Senior Vice President of Clean Energy, speak about the benefits of using natural gas for refuse fleets. To register for the Webinar; The Natural Gas- The new Green Standard" on April 25, 2007 at 2 p.m. go to <http://www.wastenews.com/webinar/>

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Calendar of Events -What is Happening in Your Area?

Here is what we know about so far as it pertains to recycling:

April

- 14 Electronics Collection Event, **Frederick County** Regional Landfill, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. Contact Gloria Puffinburger at 540-665-5643 or gpuffinb@co.frederick.va.us
- Household Hazardous Waste Day, Henry County Administration Building Parking Lot, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Contact Lois Christensen, **Gateway Streetscape Foundation**, (276) 634-4674 or gateway@co.henry.va.us
- Richmond** City Earth Day Celebration, South End of the Mayo Bridge, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Contact Billie Raines at (804) 646-6785 or braines@ci.richmond.va.us
- 21 **Buckingham** Anti-Litter Task Force (BALTF) is sponsoring Earth Day and Tire Recycling Events at the Buckingham Food Lion Parking Lot. Citizens may bring up to 10 regular tires for free, no rims or large tires. Cell phones drop off too. 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Earth Day Activities 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Contact Helen Saxon, (434) 969-4242 or ehsaxon@ceva.net
- Chesterfield** Environmental Fair. Chesterfield Towne Center 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. An eCycling event will take place in the parking lot from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Contact CVWMA at (804) 340-0900
- Earth Day at Claytor Lake State Park, **Pulaski**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information call (540) 643-2500 or email claytorlake@dcv.virginia.gov
- Earth Day Celebration, Virginia Museum of Natural History, 1001 Douglas Ave., Martinsville, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Contact Lois Christensen, **Gateway Streetscape Foundation**, (276) 634-4674 or gateway@co.henry.va.us
- Earth Day Celebration, Three Lakes Park **Henrico County**, 1 – 4 p.m. Contact Megan Brown at 804-501-4502, Ext. 4 or bro77@co.henrico.va.us
- Norfolk** FREE Electronics Recycling Day and Media Swap, (Norfolk Residents only) WHRO parking lot, Hampton Blvd & 49th Street, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Contact Holly Carson (757) 441-1347 or holly.carson@norfolk.gov
- 22 Earth Day, **Charlottesville**, Meade Park, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. For more information go to www.earthweek.org/ecofair.asp
- 28 **RSWA's** Amnesty Day at Ivy Materials Utilization Center – Hazardous Household Waste, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information, go to: www.avenue.org/rswa/materialuctr.htm
- Clean Fairfax Council** Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration. Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Includes many environmental stewardship activities including a Cell phone and computer recycling collection through ServiceSource all day. Contact Rosemary Byrne at (703) 324-5471 or rbc@cleanfairfaxcouncil.org

Fore! The Planet

Now through May 6, 2007, at the Virginia Air & Space Center at 600 Settlers Landing Road in **Hampton** Virginia, visitors can play a 9-hole round of miniature golf while learning about good stewardship and conservation. Each hole has its own environmental theme, so visitors are made more aware of the impact of recycling; learn about landfills, and various types of pollution. Call the museum at (757) 727-0900.

Recycling Collections in the Nation's Capitol

The EPA and the National Parks Service are joining forces to focus on the collection of recyclables on the mall during the National Cherry Blossom Festival which runs from March 31 – April 15, 2007.

Last year, the EPA and NPS collected more than 20,000 bottles and cans and 500 pounds of corrugated cardboard during the National Cherry Blossom Festival. There will be recycling stations at the Jefferson Memorial, the north side of the Tidal Basin and the paddle boat rental facility. Volunteers will be available to answer people's questions about recycling.

The collection effort is part of the EPA's Recycle on the Go program which seeks to make recycling convenient for Americans when they are in public places.

The EPA's Recycle on the Go program has had a presence at the 2006 and 2007 NFL Pro Bowl and the 2006 Major League Baseball All Star Game.

For more information about the Recycle on the Go program, go to: www.epa.gov/recycleonthego

School Chemical Cleanout Campaign (SC3)

The EPA is working with the US Department of Education to help schools to safely manage chemicals. The EPA estimates that approximately 33,000 middle and high schools throughout the nation have chemicals that can cause accidents and injure students.

Through the SC3 campaign, schools are connected with local chemical management experts and have access to a web-based toolkit.

Wakefield High School in Arlington and Arlington Public Schools were recognized by the EPA and DOE for their outstanding work on implementing a safe chemical management program. For more, go to www.epa.gov/sc3.

DEQ is joining the SC3 partnership, pledging to support this initiative to Virginia schools. DEQ's Office of Pollution Prevention (OPP) plans to offer "SC3 Mini-Grants" to fund laboratory clean-outs at Virginia High Schools. The grants program will hopefully be announced this Spring through DEQ's Virginia Naturally (www.vanaturally.org) network of environmental education and science teachers. The grants will be offered on a "cost-share" basis, meaning that schools are expected to cover approximately half the costs of the clean-outs. In order to qualify for the grants, schools will be asked to submit a proposal that includes a cost estimate and an inventory of chemicals from a waste consultant/hauler with proper assurance that the wastes are being recycled or disposed of properly.

If you are interested in the SC3 Mini-Grants, please contact DEQ's Tom Griffin at tgriffin@deq.virginia.gov or (804) 698-4545.

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